

In the Claims

Applicant has submitted a new complete claim set showing marked up claims with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts and/or double bracketing.

Please cancel claims 2 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend pending claims 1, 3, 6-11, and 14 as noted below.

1. (Currently Amended) A paving composition comprising aggregate and asphalt characterized in that:
 - a) a major proportion of the composition by weight is aggregate; and
 - b) a minor proportion of the composition by weight is asphalt[[]] ; wherein:
the asphalt is present as a mastic; and
the asphalt mastic comprises additives comprising oil palm cellulose fibre.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim [[2]] 1 in which the asphalt mastic comprises additives to provide enhanced stability and drainability.
4. (Original) A paving composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aggregate comprises particles of a size such that at least 80 percent will be retained on a 2 mm sieve passing 19 or 20 mm sieve sizes, and about 60 to 75 percent will be retained on a 7 mm sieve passing 19 or 20 mm sieve sizes.
5. (Previously Presented) A paving composition as claimed in claim 1 in which the aggregate is granite, basalt, quartzite, industrial slag, crushed bottles, crushed concrete, or sand and sludge stones from domestic wastes.

6. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim 3 in which the asphalt mastic further comprises additives selected from the group consisting of tire powder, latex powder, rock filler, and slag filler and cellulose fibre.
7. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim 6 in which the asphalt mastic additives comprise at least one of tire powder and latex powder, wherein the tire and/or latex powders are of sizes 30 to 50 microns in a proportion of between 2 and 10 percent by weight of the asphalt and oil palm cellulose fibre pellets that form the asphalt mastic.
8. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim 6 in which the asphalt mastic additives comprise at least one of rock and slag fillers and the rock and/or slag fillers are present in a proportion of between 4 and 10 percent by weight of the aggregate aggregates.
9. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim ~~[[6]]~~ 1 in which the asphalt mastic further comprises cellulose fibre ~~is selected from the group consisting of oil palm fibre, coconut fibre, kenaf fibre, rubber-wood fibre and paper pulp fibre.~~
10. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim ~~[[9]]~~ 1 in which the cellulose fibre is mechanically pelletized with light asphalt emulsions or any other suitable materials.
11. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim 10 in which the proportion of asphalt emulsion to coat the cellulose ~~fibres~~ fibre is between 10 and 40 percent by weight of the cellulose fibre fibres.
12. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 1 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.
13. (Original) A paved layer which has been produced by a method according to claim 12.

14. (Currently Amended) A paving composition as claimed in claim 4 in which the aggregate is comprises at least one of granite, basalt, quartzite, industrial slag, crushed bottles, crushed concrete, or sand and sludge stones from domestic wastes.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 3 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

17. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 4 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

18. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 5 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

19. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 6 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

20. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 7 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

21. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 8 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

22. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 9 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

23. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 10 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

24. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 11 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

25. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 12 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.

26. (Previously Presented) A method of producing a paving layer, which comprises applying a composition according to claim 14 to a substrate and curing the asphalt such that the aggregate in the paving layer is bonded together by cured solid asphalt.